STATE OF NEW MEXICO ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

APPLICATION OF NOVO OIL & GAS NORTHERN DELAWARE, LLC TO AMEND ORDER NOS. R-21093 & R-21093-A, EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

APPLICATION

Novo Oil & Gas Northern Delaware, LLC ("Novo" or "Applicant") (OGRID No. 372920), through its undersigned attorneys, hereby files this application with the Oil Conservation Division to amend Order Nos. R-21093 and R-21093-A (the "Orders") to allow for a one year extension for drilling the proposed initial well under the Orders. In support of its application, Novo states:

- 1. Order R-21093, entered on February 12, 2020, in Case No. 20887, created a 320-acre, more or less, horizontal well spacing unit consisting of the N/2 of Section 13, Township 23 South, Range 28 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico (the "Unit"), designated Applicant as the operator of the Unit, pooled the uncommitted interests in the Wolfcamp formation [Purple Sage; Wolfcamp (Gas) Pool (98220)] in the Unit, and dedicated the Unit to the proposed initial wells.
- 2. Following the entry of Order No. R-21093, Applicant determined that it was prudent to include the N/2 equivalent of irregular Section 18 into this standard spacing unit to allow for the drilling of 2-mile horizontal wells. As applied for in Case No. 21550, Order No. R-21093-A granted Novo's request for a standard 635.4-acre, more or less, horizontal spacing unit comprised of the N/2 of Section 13, Township 23 South, Range 28 East, and Lots 1-2, E/2 NW/4 and the NE/4 (N/2 equivalent) of irregular Section 18, all in Township 23 South, Range 29 East, Eddy County.

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- 3. As provided in the Orders, Applicant dedicated the above-referenced horizontal spacing unit to these proposed initial wells:
 - The Ovation Fed Com 1318 #211H Well, the Ovation Fed Com 1318 #212H Well, the Ovation Fed Com 1318 #221H Well, the Ovation Fed Com 1318 #231H Well, and the Ovation Fed Com 1318 #232H Well, each will be horizontally drilled from a common surface location in the NE/4 NE/4 (Unit A) of Section 14, T23S, R28E, to bottom hole locations in the NE/4 NE/4 (Unit A) of Section 18;
 - The **Ovation Fed Com 1318 #222H Well** to be horizontally drilled from a surface location in the NE/4 NE/4 (Unit A) of Section 14, T23S, R28E, to a bottom hole location in the SE/4 NE/4 (Unit H) of Section 18; and
 - The Ovation Fed Com 1318 #215H Well, the Ovation Fed Com 1318 #225H Well, and the Ovation Fed Com 1318 #235H Well each will be horizontally drilled from a common surface location in the E/2 NE/4 of Section 14, T23S, R28E, to bottom hole locations in the SE/4 NE/4 (Unit H) of Section 18.
- 4. Order No. R-21093-A required the drilling of the initial well by December 24, 2021.
- 5. There is good cause for Novo's request that the Orders be re-opened and amended to allow Novo additional time to commence drilling the well under the Orders.
- 6. The decline in commodity prices in 2020 caused by the global COVID pandemic and other economic factors led Novo to reduce its rig count, thereby causing Novo to delay its intended plans to develop the acreage subject to the Orders. Novo anticipates being able to drill the initial well required by the Orders within the next year.

7. Due to COVID, Novo requests a one-year extension of time to drill the initial well under the Order, until <u>December 24</u>, 2022.

WHEREFORE, Applicant requests that this application be set for hearing before an Examiner of the Oil Conservation Division on December 2, 2021, and, after notice and hearing as required by law, the Division enter an order granting this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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